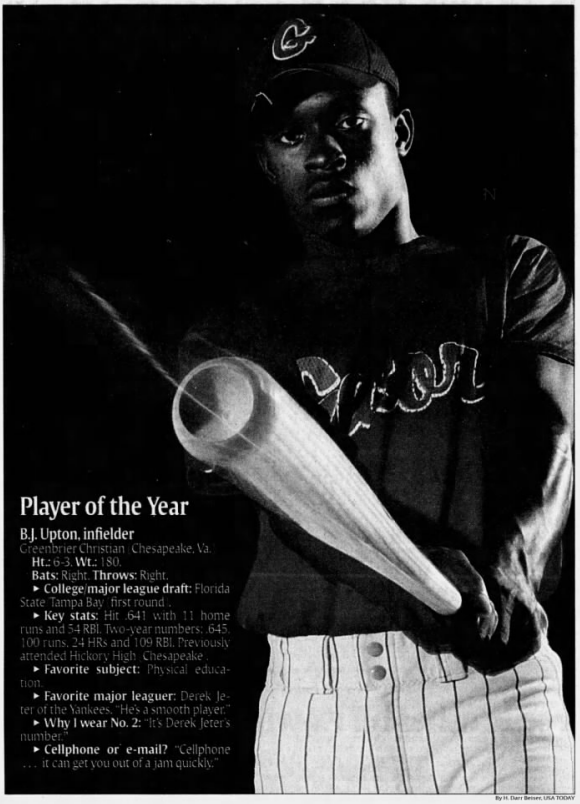
2002 All-USA high school baseball



By H. Darr Beiser, USA TODAY

Player of the Year

B.J. Upton, infielder
Greenbrier Christian (Chesapeake, Va.)
Ht.: 6-3. **Wt.:** 180.
Bats: Right. **Throws:** Right.
▸ **College/major league draft:** Florida State (Tampa Bay, first round).
▸ **Key stats:** Hit .641 with 11 home runs and 54 RBI. Two-year numbers: .645, 100 runs, 24 HRs and 109 RBI. Previously attended Hickory High (Chesapeake).
▸ **Favorite subject:** Physical education.
▸ **Favorite major leaguer:** Derek Jeter of the Yankees. "He's a smooth player."
▸ **Why I wear No. 2:** "It's Derek Jeter's number."
▸ **Cellphone or e-mail?** "Cellphone ... it can get you out of a jam quickly."

By Paul S. Howell for USA TODAY

Scott Kazmir, pitcher
Cypress Falls (Houston)
Ht.: 6-0. **Wt.:** 175.
Bats: Left. **Throws:** Left.
▸ **College/major league draft:** Texas/New York Mets (first round).
▸ **Key stats:** 12-2 with 0.27 ERA. Struck out 181 in 78 innings, allowing 15 hits and three earned runs. Career record is 27-5. Pitched for U.S. junior team in 2001.
▸ **Favorite subject:** Marine biology.
▸ **Favorite major leaguer:** Billy Wagner, Houston Astros.
▸ **Why I wear No. 19:** "It's the number that was given to me as a freshman. Since then I always request it if it's available."
▸ **Cellphone or e-mail?** "I use both but prefer cellphone. It's quicker than dialing up the Internet."

By Doug Wevlis, The Des Moines Register, for USA TODAY

Jeff Clement, catcher
Marshalltown (Iowa)
Ht.: 6-1. **Wt.:** 205.
Bats: Left. **Throws:** Right.
▸ **College/major league draft:** Southern California/Minnesota (12th round).
▸ **Key stats:** Hitting .531 with eight HRs and 31 RBI through 26 games. A three-time first-team All-Iowa Elite selection. Broke national record for career walks (191). Within reach of Drew Henson's national record for HRs (70); Clement had 67 through 26 games this season.
▸ **Favorite subject:** Calculus.
▸ **Favorite major leaguer:** Lance Berkman, Houston Astros.
▸ **Why I wear No. 24:** "At first it was because of Ken Griffey Jr. Now I just request it."
▸ **Cellphone or e-mail?** E-mail. "Call me old school, but I use e-mail. I don't even own a cellphone."

By Gary Bogdon for USA TODAY

Zack Greinke, pitcher
Apopka (Fla.)
Ht.: 6-2. **Wt:** 190.
Bats: Right. **Throws:** Right.
▸ **Key stats:** Four-year starter, batted .500 this season with 10 HRs, 35 runs and 45 RBI. Went 9-2 on mound and struck out 118 in 60 innings. District player of year for second consecutive time.
▸ **College/major league draft:** Clemson/Kansas City (first round).
▸ **Favorite subject:** Economics. "Because you can learn about how to save your money. It makes you feel like you know what you're doing with your financial future."
▸ **Favorite major leaguers:** Roberto Clemente, who played for the Pittsburgh Pirates, and Bo Jackson. "because he played for the Kansas City Royals."
▸ **Why I wear No. 23:** "Because I was a freshman and I didn't get to pick. It was the only one left."
▸ **Cellphone or e-mail?** Cellphone. "E-mail takes forever."

By Tim Mueller for USA TODAY

Micah Schilling, infielder
Silliman Institute (Clinton, La.)
Ht: 6-0. **Wt:** 190.
Bats: Left. **Throws:** Right.
▸ **College/major league draft:** LSU/Cleveland (first round).
▸ **Key stats:** Batted .478 this year with nine doubles, 16 HRs and 45 RBI.
▸ **Favorite subject:** English. "If I had a choice, I really wouldn't pick any."
▸ **Favorite major leaguer:** Todd Walker, Cincinnati Reds. "He's from Louisiana, a hometown guy that played at LSU."
▸ **Why I wear No. 12:** "I've just always worn it."
▸ **Cellphone or e-mail?** "Cellphones, no doubt. I can't type too well."

By Robert Hanashiro, USA TODAY

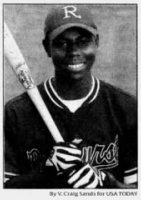
Sergio Santos, infielder
Mater Dei (Santa Ana, Calif.)
Ht: 6-3. **Wt:** 205.
Bats: Right. **Throws:** Right.
▸ **College/major league draft:** Southern California/Arizona (first round).
▸ **Key stats:** .370 average, eight HRs, 34 RBI, 15 stolen bases, 11 doubles and two triples. Made All-Orange County for second consecutive year and named All-CIF for third consecutive year.
▸ **Favorite subject:** English. "I like writing. I can write a four-page paper on a topic I like in about an hour. It comes easily to me."
▸ **Favorite major leaguer:** Alex Rodriguez, Texas Rangers. "I try to play my game similar to him."
▸ **Why I wear No. 4:** "I was born on July 4, but that's not the real reason. I'm a confident person; Derek Jeter is No. 2, Alex Rodriguez is No. 3 and Nomar Garciaparra is No. 5."
▸ **Cellphone or e-mail?** Cellphone. "I don't mess with the computer thing. It's much easier just to pick up the phone."

By Gary Bogdon for USA TODAY

Denard Span, outfielder
Tampa Catholic
Ht: 6-1. **Wt:** 175.
Bats: Left. **Throws:** Left.
▸ **Key stats:** Batted .490 with 22 RBI and 24 stolen bases in 98 at-bats.
▸ **College/major league draft:** Minnesota (first round).
▸ **Favorite subject:** Math.
▸ **Favorite major leaguer:** Ken Griffey Jr.
▸ **Why I wear No. 27:** "It's the day of my birthday, Feb. 27."
▸ **Cellphone or e-mail?** Cellphone. "I have a computer, but I don't really e-mail unless it's really important."

Jeremy Hermida, outfielder
Wheeler (Marietta, Ga.)
Ht: 6-3. **Wt:** 200.
Bats: Left. **Throws:** Right.
▸ **College/major league draft:** Clemson/Florida (first round).
▸ **Key stats:** Batted .485 this season with nine doubles, two triples, seven homers and 25 RBI.
▸ **Favorite subject:** Math. "Because it comes easiest to me."
▸ **Favorite major leaguer:** Chipper Jones, Atlanta Braves. "He swings awesome. I love the way he plays the game."
▸ **Why I wear No. 27:** "I switched from 11 at 14 and had a great summer. I've stuck to it ever since."
▸ **Cellphone or e-mail?** Cellphone. "I've never sent an e-mail in my life."

By Michael A. Schwarz, USA TODAY



By V. Craig Smith for USA TODAY

John Mayberry Jr., infielder
Rockhurst (Kansas City, Mo.)
Ht.: 6-5. **Wt.:** 210.
Bats: Right. **Throws:** Right.
▸ **College/major league draft:** Stanford/Seattle (first round).
▸ **Key stats:** Hit .432 with nine HRs and 31 RBI. Slugging percentage of .919, on-base .500. Dad played in majors.
▸ **Favorite subject:** Business calculus.
▸ **Favorite major leaguer:** Dave Winfield. "We have similar physiques, and my game mirrors his."
▸ **Why I wear No. 7:** "It's the number my dad wore in the majors. I just want to carry the torch."
▸ **Cellphone or e-mail?** "Since I'm more knowledgeable in the computer field, it would be e-mail."

By Parker C. Smith for USA TODAY

Jeff Francoeur, outfielder
Parkview (Lilburn, Ga.)
Ht.: 6-4. **Wt.:** 205.
Bats: Right. **Throws:** Right.
▸ **College/major league draft:** Clemson/Atlanta (first round).
▸ **Key stats:** Batted .487 with 16 HRs and 49 RBI and scored 51 runs. Went 4-1 with 2.14 ERA. Second-team All-USA football as defensive back.
▸ **Favorite subject:** Calculus.
▸ **Favorite major leaguer:** Cal Ripken Jr. "He played for the love of the game."
▸ **Why I wear No. 12:** "My dad (David) wore it when he played in high school."
▸ **Cellphone or e-mail?** "No doubt, cellphone, because you just talk; there's no typing involved."

USA TODAY's All-USA second team

Pitchers

Name	High school	Ht.	Wt.	B-T	W-L	ERA
Cole Hamels	Rancho Bernardo (San Diego)	6-3	175	L-L	10-0	0.39
Chris Gruler	Liberty Union (Brentwood, Calif.)	6-3	200	R-R	4-3	1.49

Position players

Name	High school	Ht.	Wt.	B-T	Pos.	Key statistics
Prince Fielder	Eau Gallie (Melbourne, Fla.)	6-0	255	L-R	1F	10 HRs, 41 RBI, .524, 42 career HRs
Jake Blalock	Rancho Bernardo (San Diego)	6-4	215	R-R	1F	14 HRs, 37 RBI, .405, 43 runs
Micah Owings	Gainesville (Ga.)	6-5	220	R-R	1F	25 HRs, 69 RBI, .448; 69 career HRs (second all time nationally)
Scott Moore	Cypress (Calif.)	6-3	180	L-R	1F	11 HRs, 25 RBI, .329; 26 career HRs, 74 career RBI
Delmon Young	Camarillo (Calif.)	6-3	205	R-R	OF	17 HRs, 56 RBI, .542
Jason Pridie	Prescott (Ariz.)	6-1	180	L-R	OF	13 HRs, 47 RBI, .550
Brent Clevlen	Westwood (Round Rock, Texas)	6-2	185	R-R	OF	12 HRs, 45 RBI, 43 runs, .571
Brian McCann	Duluth (Ga.)	6-2	205	L-R	C	12 HRs, 28 RBI, .460; 42 career HRs

How the team was picked: The 2002 All-USA Baseball Team was selected by Christopher Lawlor of USA TODAY in consultation with a national network of high school writers, coaches and major league scouts.

Coach of the Year

Rick Carpenter
Elkins (Missouri City, Texas)

By Richard Carson for USA TODAY

▸ **Personal:** Graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) in 1979 (BS, physical education/biology); master's in education from Georgetown in 1980. Was four-year starter at third base for Georgetown, earning NAIA all-conference and district honors.
▸ **Family:** Wife, Tammie (married 26 years); children, Matt, 16, Tyler, 13, and Caitlyn, 10.
▸ **Coaching record:** 431-152-3, 20 years. Has led Elkins to two UIL Class 5A state championships (1995, '02); 12 district and five regional titles. Previously coached at Dulles High (Sugar Land). 2002 team was 35-1, Class 5A state champion and USA TODAY national champion. Also coaches football at Elkins (defensive coordinator).
▸ **Teaches:** Biology.
▸ **Favorite major league manager:** "Lou Piniella of the Mariners. He's very intense and certainly a winner. It looks like he's all business running his ballclub."
▸ **Managerial style:** "I teach the kids to come out on an even keel each day. You can't be too high or low. On the field, we're an offensive-oriented team that plays for the three-run homer."
▸ **Cellphone or e-mail?** "Honestly, I'm a combination of both. Once the school year is over, I turn off the e-mail until school starts back up in August and rely on the cell."